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**PATENT**  
Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07414.00020-03000

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
H. Michael WENZ )  
Application No.: 09/724,755 ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
Filed: November 28, 2000 ) Examiner: J. FREDMAN  
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING ) Confirmation No. 8421  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS )  
USING COUPLED LIGATION ) **Attention: MAIL STOP AF**  
AND AMPLIFICATION ) **Expedited Procedure After Final**

**MAIL STOP AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision in the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1.  A Petition for One Month Extension of Time to respond to the Final Office Action was filed on July 28, 2004, extending the period for response to August 1, 2004.
2.  A Petition for Second and Third Month Extension of Time to extend the period for response to October 1, 2004 is enclosed together with a fee of \$870.00.
3.  The Appeal Fee of \$340.00.

is enclosed or  is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916

4.  A check for \$1,210.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Notice of Appeal and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 1, 2004

By: Michael R. Albrecht

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